sons employed in Khadi and Village Industries sector is as follows:

1985-86 : 39.08 lakh perons

1986-87 : 39.66 lakh persons (Provisional)

(b) to (d) Recent amendments to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act provide a much wider scope for expansion of employment opportunities under KVI sector By these amendments, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission can assist any village industry provided it is located in a rural areas and per capita fixed investment of a worker is less than rupees fifteen thousand or such other sum as may be specified from time to time by the Central Government. The KVIC will determine from time to time the pattern of assistance to be given for promotion of new industries.

Complaint against M/s. T.T.K. and Co.

1529. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints against M/s. T.T.K. and Co. for indulging in restricted trade practices are pending with M.R T P. Commission since 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaints against the said company;

(c) whether the complaint party has not been heard by the Commission so far; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) On the basis of a complaint in December, 1985 from M/s Narang Stores, Laxmibai Nagar Market, New Delhi, the MRTP Commission instituted an inquiry against the company in May 1986 for their alleged indulgence in the trade practices of discriminatory pricing, resale price maintenance, exclusive dealings, refusal to deal, area restrictions, dumping of goods and quantity off-take discounts

(c) Evidence of Shri Prakash Chandra Narang, who is a partner of the complainant firm, has been partly recorded.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of an Optical Fibre Project

1530. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Optical Fibre Project in Hindustan Cable's, Rupnarayanpur Unit, and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It has been decided to locate the proposed Optical Fibre Project at Naini, Distt, Allahabad, (U.P.-.

Menace of Spurious and Duplicate Electrical Goods

1531 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the spurious and duplicate electrical goods like plugs, switches, etc. which are available in the market at cheaper rates;

(b) what has been the impact of such goods and the standard quality goods and their sales and also on the safety of consumers; and